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RULE 139. ELECTRONIC FILING

(a) Definition. “Electronic Filing” means the (1) electronic transmittal of a pleading or document to the BCD on or before 11:00 PM Eastern Standard Time of the filing deadline, and (2) a signed paper original of the pleading or document placed in the regular mail to the BCD on the same day that the electronic filing is made.

(b) Use. Electronic Filing is required in all BCD cases unless otherwise ordered or authorized by the court. Only compliance with both Rule 139(a)(1) and (2) shall constitute timely and sufficient filing.

Electronic transmittal of a pleading or document pursuant to Rule 139(a)(1) constitutes a representation, subject to Rule 11, that the attorney or party has placed a signed paper original of the pleading or document in the regular mail to the BCD on the same day of the electronic transmittal.

(c) Electronic Filing Format. Pleadings, or documents that are filed electronically shall be submitted as an attachment in portable document format (PDF) unless otherwise approved by the court. Electronic Filing must comply with the requirements of Rule 138.

(d) Simultaneous Electronic Service. Simultaneous Electronic Service, pursuant to Rule 140(c), upon a party of the pleading or document that is filed electronically shall be deemed sufficient service, except as otherwise ordered pursuant to Rule 140(d).

(e) Time Periods. Unless prohibited by court rule or statute, the day of the Electronic Filing shall not be included in calculating any time period prescribed by the BCD Procedural Rules or other Maine Rules of Civil Procedure for exercising any right, performing any duty, doing any act or making any response.